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PLEASE PASS TO SIMON PARTY IN NICE (MESSAGE TRANSMITTED
THIS FASHION IN VIEW OF CLASSIFICATION)

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SIMON, WILLIAM)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF SECRETARY SIMON TO MIDDLE EAST

REF WH 42445

1. RE PARA A, REFTEL: ARRIVAL AT 2020 IN CAIRO
WILL POSE NO PROBLEM. WILL NOTIFY EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS
CONCERNING CHANGE.

2. RE PARA B: MEETINGS WITH HEGAZI WILL BE FAIRLY
SMALL. WE SEE NO PROBLEM, HOWEVER, IN BRINGING
MEMBERS OF PARTY INDICATED. WITH REGARD TO MEETINGS
WITH OTHER MINISTERS, PARTY CAN BE LARGER BUT IT SHOULD
BE BORNE IN MIND THAT OFFICE OF SOME OFFICIALS NOT
PARTICULARLY LARGE.

3. RE PARA C:: UNDERSTAND FROM EGYPTIAN SIDE ADDITIONAL
MINISTERS NOW HAVE BEEN INVITED TO LUNCHEON AT
TAHRIR CLUB.

4. RE PARA D: DINNER HOSTED BY HEGAZI WILL INCLUDE
THE SECRETARY'S PARTY AND WIVES, AS WELL AS THE
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CHILDREN. THE PRESS IS ALSO BEING INVITED TO THIS

AFFAIR WHICH WILL NUMBER BETWEEN 80 AND 100 PERSONS.

5. RE PARA E: WE DO NOT KNOW FOR SURE AT THIS TIME WHETHER HEGAZI WILL ACCOMPANY SECRETARY ON TRAIN TO ALEXANDRIA. WE WILL ASK HEGAZI ABOUT THIS AND EXPRESS HOPE THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMPANY.

6. RE PARA F: WE WILL SUGGEST TO EGYPTIAN SIDE THAT MAXIMUM NUMBER BE INCLUDED ON VISIT TO ALEXANDRIA. SPECIAL RR CAR WILL HOLD 47 PERSONS. THIS SHOULD ENABLE US TO INCLUDE MOST OF SIMON PARTY, BEARING IN MIND EGYPTIANS WILL WISH TO INCLUDE 10-12 PERSONS. LIMITED SPACE ON TWO AIRCRAFT BEING PROVIDED WILL REQUIRE THAT PORTION OF PARTY RETURN BY MOTOR VEHICLE. IT IS A THREE-HOUR DRIVE.

7. RE PARA G: ROUND TABLE DINNER WILL INCLUDE MEMBERS OF PARTY SUGGESTED IN REFTTEL.

8. RE PARA H: WILL LEAVE OPEN MATTER OF POSSIBLE MEETINGS WITH MINISTER OF RECONSTRUCTION AND ELECTRICITY AND SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN. WE PLAN ON INCLUDING THESE INDIVIDUALS IN STAG LUNCHEON. SECRETARY WILL HOST ON JULY 16, AS SUGGESTED.

9. WILL HOLD ACTUAL INVITATIONS FOR SECRETARY'S STAG LUNCHEON UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

10. WILL INCLUDE PRESS IN FUNCTIONS TO EXTENT POSSIBLE. RE INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT SADAT, HE NOT REPEAT NOT LIKELY GRANT INTERVIEWS. IN PAST, HOWEVER, HE HAS AT TIMES MET WITH PRESS AT CONCLUSION OF MEETINGS. SECRETARY MAY WISH TO SUGGEST THIS TO PRESIDENT SADAT WHEN THEY MEET.

10. WE WILL SUGGEST TO HEGAZI'S OFFICE THAT HE GRANT INTERVIEW TO ACCOMPANYING PRESS.

11. WE ARE ENDEAVORING TO INCLUDE NON-SUBSTANTIVE STAFF IN LARGER SOCIAL EVENTS. (THE ARE ALREADY INVITED HEGAZI
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LUNCHEON IN ALEXANDRIA, AND VISIT TO PYRAMIDS).

12. EMBASSY WILL KEEP RUNNING ACCOUNT OF PERSONS SECRETARY MEETS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE HELPFUL TO SECRETARY AND MRS. SIMON. ALREADY PLANNING FOR APPROPRIATE THANK YOU NOTES.

13. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH EGYPTIAN SIDE, HAVE ENDEAVORED

TO RETAIN SOME FLEXIBILITY, BEARING IN
MIND DESIRE TO TO WORK OUT IN CAIRO (AS SUGGESTED IN
FINAL SENTENCE REFTEL,) PARTICIPATION IN ALEXANDRIA
TRIP AND IN LARGER MEETINGS WITH EGYPTIAN MINISTERS.

14. AMBASSADOR PREPARED TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS
MORE FULLY WHEN HE ARRIVES TOMORROW IN NICE.
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